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Sun Spots

Families invited to summer picnic

The South Bay Medical Center, Inc. is sponsoring a summer picnic in conjunction with the Partnership For Neighborhood Initiatives (PNH).

The picnic is free and open to the public and will be held Saturday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Cox Park on 8th Ave. and Martin Luther King Blvd. (SR-80), South Bay.

There will be free food, games and rides for children, live music, free raffles and free blood and sugar tests. Children can also have their picture identification taken for free and visit with the doctors. State and local officials will be on hand as well as officials from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Dept., and South Bay's Fire Rescue Unit.

For more information, call the South Bay Medical Center at (561) 983-5777.

Blood Drive

In an effort to maintain a safe and sufficient blood supply this summer, WIRK, (Country K 107.9 FM) is sponsoring the "West is the Best" Summer Blood Drive.

The event will be held at the Wellington Commons Mall, 12794 Forest Hill Boulevard (in the center court) on Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be entertainment, fun activities for the kids, complimentary boarding passes from Sun Cruis Casino and a chance to win a Beanie Baby basket. For further information call (561) 945-2323, ext. 227.

Car Wash

There will be a car wash on Thursday, July 2 from noon to 4 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Apostolic Church. The church is located at 1316 West Canal Street, South, Belle Glade.

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Fire hazard takes sparkle out of 4th

Fireworks display still on schedule for Pahokee dike.

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Rain can usually put a damper on Independence Day activities, but this year, a little rain before the Fourth of July might have helped put the sparkle back in the holiday.

Officials are saying sparklers, firecrackers and other explosive devices are banned for individuals this year because of the dry grass and brush which could spark more than fireworks.

Belle Glade Director of Public

Safety Michael Miller said retailers were asked last week to pull all fireworks from their shelves. "We're urging all local retailers not to sell fireworks because of the fire hazard," he said.

All the fun hasn't been taken out of the holiday though, because the City of Pahokee is still planning their annual 4th of July fireworks over Lake Okeechobee at dusk.

"We encourage everyone to come to Pahokee and enjoy some great fireworks," said Pahokee-City Manager Ken Schenck.

Anonymous tip leads to drug seizure, but no arrests

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

An anonymous tip from a Belle Glade citizen resulted in the seizure of 21 grams of crack cocaine on Sunday evening, but no arrests.

Belle Glade Police responded to a call Sunday night about drug deals taking place at 418 S.W. Avenue B, Belle Glade.

Det. Shatara said this area of town is known for daily narcotic transactions and several arrests have been made in the area in the past.

The anonymous tipster even told police which floor of the

three story apartment complex to search. After searching the area they found two aluminum foil wrappers with suspected crack cocaine tucked into a concrete brick. Det. Shatara said the street value of the illegal drug is estimated at about \$2,000.

Det. Shatara said tip like those given by the anonymous caller are greatly appreciated and encouraged. Any person wishing to report narcotic activity or any crime can do so anonymously by calling the Belle Glade Police Department at (561) 996-7251, Ext. 36.

Child dies in accident

Three-year-old Isaac Day, Jr. died Friday, June 26, in a car accident at the intersection of S.W. Ave. E and S.W. 2nd Street. The child was not in a car seat, but was seated in his father's lap at the time of the crash. His grandmother, Ola Smith, was driving the 1994 Dodge Caravan when it hit a 1998 Mercedes-Benz sedan being driven by Patricia G. Zamora, 33, who was traveling eastbound on SW Ave. E.

According to Belle Glade Traffic Homicide Investigator Darren Read, Zamora was preparing to turn north onto S.W. 2nd Street and made a left turn in front of Smith, violating Smith's right-of-way. Smith was unable to stop

and her Caravan struck Zamora's car in the right rear door.

Mrs. Smith was taken to Glades General Hospital, where she was listed in stable condition. The child was airlifted by Trauma Hawk to St. Mary's Medical Center and died shortly after arriving at the hospital. Zamora did not sustain any significant injury in the crash.

The accident is still under investigation and charges are pending.

Funeral services will be held for baby Isaac on Friday, July 3 at 1 p.m. at Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ in Belle Glade. Interment will be in Port Mayaca Cemetery.



(SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting)
DRIVE CAREFULLY...Southwest Avenue E in Belle Glade is under construction. The street will be repaved, get new sidewalks and side drainage during the work, which is estimated to be completed by January of 1999.

Water clerk charged in South Bay City Hall fire

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

A clerk in South Bay's water department has been charged in the June 15 fire that did over \$1 million in damage to South Bay's City Hall.

Police arrested Dorothea Williams nine days after the fire and charged her with arson, burglary and grand theft.

Police Chief Danny Jones said a joint investigation by the State Fire Marshal's Office, the South Bay Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco

and Firearms resulted in the arrest of Williams, 22, of 134 Harrelle Drive.

Chief Jones said Williams confessed to setting the fire around midnight on a Friday evening and stealing the money. Police believed from the beginning that the fire and theft of \$1,500 from the city's safe was done by a city employee because the money was taken from the safe without forced entry. Several city employees were questioned before police made the arrest.

Williams entered city hall

through an unlocked window, took the money and then scattered papers and sprayed red paint on the walls, pictures and computer equipment, according to police. Chief Jones said she then set the fire with a cigarette lighter.

Williams is in jail and bond has been set at \$25,000. City hall employees are currently working out of temporary offices at the old post office in town.

It is estimated it will be six to eight months before workers can repair damage at the city hall complex.

Belle Glade man drowns snorkeling in Bahamas

Bahama officials are waiting until after an autopsy to release the body of a Belle Glade man who drowned while snorkeling just west of the Grand Bahama Islands.

Eduardo "Eddy" Pedraza, 22, died Sunday, June 28 after failing to come to the surface, 30 minutes after diving into the water. A diver on another boat brought Eddy to the surface and a doctor on board the other boat administered CPR, but he was pronounced dead after being taken to a Freeport hospital.

Eddy was a 1994 graduate of Glades Day School and was going to be a senior at the University of Florida. He is the son of Sevelio and Maria Pedraza of Belle Glade.

Mission Funeral Home in Belle Glade is handling arrangements. Visitation will be held Thursday from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. in Mission Funeral Home's Chapel. Mass will be held Friday, 9 a.m., at St. Philip Benesi Catholic Church, Belle Glade. Interment following at Queen of Peace Cemetery, West Palm Beach.

• Save Our Rivers •

By TWILA VALENTINE

South Florida Water Management District has issued its 1998 Land Acquisition and Management Plan. Included in this five-year blueprint for acquiring environmentally sensitive lands which the district feels are in need of protection and conservation, are the individual projects covering the district's 16-county area.

Revenues for land acquisition were set up in the Water Management Lands Trust Fund. Some of these lands are purchased with Preservation 2000 funds. Both of those funds are administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Pro-

tection. In the seventh part of this series, we begin to take a look at the individual projects contained in this planning document.

• Allapattah Ranch
This project covers 22,500 acres in western Martin County. The site is dominated by poorly drained flatwoods soils which are saturated for much of the wet season.

Over the past 30 years the project area has undergone a change in land use from native range grazing to improved pasture, and farms and row crops. It is proposed that Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission will be the lead

manager for the non-reservoir areas. The district will retain responsibility for all hydrologic restoration.

The tract is large enough to accommodate a variety of recreational uses, including hunting, biking, camping and horseback riding.

• Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem
This project is situated in southern Martin County be-

tween US Highway 1 and I-95 and covers 12,300 acres of diverse community types, including scrub, pine flatwoods, and forested sloughs. Intense agricultural and residential development are occurring around the perimeter of the project.

The project would be managed as a state park or preserve by the Division of Recreation and Parks. This site is large and very accessible to major population centers in south Florida. Public access points could be established along three sides of the project. A variety of community types could make interesting hiking and the area could be opened to fishing. Hunting

might be possible under agreement with GFC.

• Big Pine Key
This 189-acre project is designed to complement the existing Key Deer National Wildlife Refuge.

The Nature Conservancy prepared a conceptual management plan to provide future managers with guidelines to protect and restore the unique vegetative communities and wildlife populations on Big Pine Key.

The district has a 50-year management agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Big Pine Key property and the federal government now

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Asking the \$64,000 question

By Mike Lyons

Everyone wants an answer to the \$64,000 question: will our area be hit by a hurricane this year? While no one can respond to that question with any certainty, many tropical weather experts have attempted to do the next best thing - predict hurricane activity on a seasonal basis.

Dr. William Gray of Colorado State University is undoubtedly the most famous practitioner of long-range hurricane forecasts. Gray doesn't say where a storm will make landfall, but he does forecast the number of tropical storms and hurricanes that will form in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.

And he does so quite successfully. Gray has a remarkable track record over the years, recording an 80 percent accuracy rate. It is quite an achievement considering his forecasts are issued well in advance of the hurricane season.

Last week, Dr. Gray issued his latest prediction for the 1998 season. It is exactly the same as his spring forecast, calling for 10 named storms, six hurricanes and two major storms.

"I would characterize it as an average season in terms of the last 48 years," said Dr. Gray.

But Dr. James Elsner of Florida State University respectfully disagrees. Elsner, an associate professor of meteorology at FSU, is the latest expert to jump into the long-range hurricane forecasting business.

"I think this hurricane season will be well below the average," said Dr. Elsner. His forecast calls for only four hurricanes this year with just one major storm.

Like Gray, Elsner uses a complex mathematical formula to come up with his predictions. In fact, Elsner says he employs many of the same factors that Gray utilizes in his work.



MIKE LYONS

"You might say what I do is a derivative of Dr. Gray's studies," said Elsner. But, while the ingredients might be the same as Dr. Gray's, Elsner's recipe is decidedly different.

His computer model not only predicts the number of hurricanes, it also suggests where a storm might form. "We can extend the horizon," said Elsner. "We can predict if a storm will form in the Gulf of Mexico or the Caribbean Sea."

Hurricane Danny first attempted at what might be called "location forecasting" didn't do very well. Last year, he predicted a 31 percent probability of a major hurricane forming in the Gulf of Mexico.

The eastern Pacific Ocean, however, was very active. Elsner says his computer model may have picked up the "favorable large-scale activity in the Pacific" and transferred it to the Gulf.

Still, Elsner believes his model shows promise and that some day it will be able to predict where a hurricane might form. Yet, even if Elsner's model is successful, it still won't answer that \$64,000 question.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weatherman at WPBF-TV.)

Kids need more activities to deter gang activity

By KATRINA ELSNER
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

In 1996, the Okeechobee Juvenile Justice Council's Gang Prevention Task Force conducted a survey of fifth grade students. The majority of the students were 10 or 11 years old. According to the report, 17 percent of the fifth graders surveyed had been approached by gang members. Twenty-two percent of the fifth graders said they knew gang members. Three percent of the fifth graders surveyed said they belonged to a gang. More than half of the fifth graders stated that they were afraid of gang members.

On Oct. 18, 1997, a teenager at Eckerd Youth Development Center's Intensive Halfway House was beaten so severely the young man was comatose for more than week. The attacker, another teen at the facility, struck him from behind and continued kicking and beating him after he fell to the floor. The attack continued, even though the victim did not fight back. A counselor who tried to stop the fight was also beaten. Officials said the two teens had not fought previously and they appeared to have no previous problems with each other. When the attacker was asked why he initiated the assault, he reportedly told detectives that the other teen had "thrown a gang sign" his direction.

"Runners of gang activity at the American Legion Free Fair in downtown Okeechobee in February 1998 caused some parents to take their children to the fair during the day on Saturday instead of letting the youngsters enjoy the lighted midway after dark."

Gang membership and activity is growing in Okeechobee County, according to the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Department.

Detective Brad Stark, who is a member of the regional Multi-Agency Gang Task Force, said over the past five years, 29 gangs have been identified in Okeechobee County. He said there are currently 11 active gangs in Okeechobee with an estimated 500 members. The sheriff's department has documented approximately 300 members, he said.

Detective Stark said members of the task force patrolled the American Legion Free Fair in February and saw blatant gang activity.

"This guy walked up to us and had ten guys lined up behind him," said Detective Stark. "One of the officers from Palm Beach County knew him as a leader of the Low Rider Disting' gang. He admitted to me that he is going to be in Okeechobee now. It was like something out of a movie."

He said the largest gangs

currently in Okeechobee County are the National Born Killers and the Folk Nation.

"Okeechobee only has a few members of the Latin Kings, maybe 35," he said. Detective Stark said he documented gang members based on their own admissions, association with gang members, observation of gang colors or tattoos and involvement in criminal activity with other gang members.

He said documented gang members in Okeechobee County range in age from 13 to 23.

"We estimate there are well over 500 gang members in Okeechobee County," he said. "And that number is growing."

He said there are approximately 4,000 juveniles in Okeechobee County between the ages of 10 and 17. The percentage of young people involved in gangs keeps increasing.

Detective Stark said gang members often wear certain clothing or wear their clothing

a certain way to show gang membership. Oversized baggy pants, hats cocked sideways, certain logos on shirts and even displaying rosary beads can indicate gang membership.

He said gang members will adopt certain brand names or sports team apparel. For example, the Folk gang members wear "Fila" brand sports items, claiming that to them it stands for "Folk In Large Amounts."

He said members of the Latin Kings sometimes wear shirts or hats with logos from the L.A. Kings hockey team. Gang members wear their hats cocked to one side or the other, he said. He said it is big disgrace for a gang member to cock his hat the wrong direction.

He said Okeechobee County has been fortunate so far that the gang membership has not gotten as serious as it has in the large cities. He said in Miami or Tampa if a kid joins a gang, he is expected to be in for life. In Okeechobee, members can still sometimes quit gangs without facing violent retaliation.

"We're grateful it's not like the big cities here," said the detective. "But if we don't put a stop to it, what are we going to face in two years?"

"Right now, Okeechobee gangs don't do things by the book," he said. "But they're getting more organized."

He said gang members from Miami, Tampa and Palm

Beach County come to Okeechobee County to recruit new members. Some have family members in Okeechobee. Others come here for other reasons.

"Okeechobee is centrally located," he said. "Some of the gangs running narcotics into and out of Miami are using the back roads. Gang members are bringing drug traffic right through the middle of town."

He said gangs are often associated with drug use, drug trafficking and other crimes.

"Last year, we had a gang from Tampa come in and steal several vehicles. They took them to Tampa and stripped them," he said.

Gang members have been involved in convenience store burglaries, often as part of an initiation, he said.

Another gang initiation involves stealing a series of cars. A prospective member steals a car in Okeechobee and drives it to Fort Pierce or Highlands County, then steals a car in

be a big process," he said. It will require the involvement of the entire community.

"We need to get something for these kids to do, someplace for them to go," he said. "Right now, they have Jack 7 where they drink beer and have fights."

He said the kids need more productive leisure activities.

"Parents just let them run the streets day and night," he said.

He said the lack of employment opportunities also contributes to the juvenile crime problem.

There are only a certain number of jobs available here," he said. "The ones we catch selling drugs say why should they get a job when they can make \$400 or \$500 a night selling drugs."

While children from single-parent families who might be left alone without supervision are at risk for gang recruitment, gangs are not limited to the lower economic classes, he said.

"We've seen some juveniles from well-to-do families involved in gangs and criminal activity," he said.

He said they are also seeing younger children involved in gangs.

"We get some they call Pee-Wee Folk or Baby Kings," he said. "These kids are 8 or 9 years old. They see their older brothers in the gangs and imitate them."

He said they are also seeing more females involved in gangs in Okeechobee.

"In the past five years, locally we've seen a 99 percent increase in female offenders," he said. "Girls have increasingly gotten into the gangs."

He said there are approximately 40 female gang members in Okeechobee County.

He added that overall, the number of juvenile criminal offenses is increasing.

"I want everyone in Okeechobee to know we do have a gang problem," said Detective Stark. "Right now we're trying to knock it out, but without awareness from the community, it's going to get bigger and bigger."

Okeechobee City Police Chief Buck Farrenkopf said the city police department on gang-related issues. For example, he said, at the American Legion Free Fair, Okeechobee County deputies and members of the Multi-Agency Gang Task Force from other counties assisted the city police. "I know the gang problem in the schools, the chief. It's not there, said the chief. It's not a real problem yet. Right now, for the city, it's just a matter of isolated incidents once in a while. We're going to be up on it before it becomes a real problem."

there and drives it back to Okeechobee, the detective explained.

Gangs are also involved in violence. Some membership initiations involve beatings. Two Okeechobee youngsters were hospitalized with head injuries following such initiations, said the detective.

He said they have also had instances of female gang members being "diced" in Okeechobee County. This means dice are thrown and the girl must have sex with that many gang members.

He said two years ago, gang rivalry resulted in drive-by shootings in Okeechobee.

"Members of the Blackjack gang from Pahokee moved here, creating problems for the Folk gang," he said. "This led to some shootings. We made some arrests. The rest of the gang moved back to Pahokee."

He said gangs in Okeechobee County are often involved in drug use. Some gang members have been arrested for selling drugs.

"Some members of the Folk gang were arrested for selling drugs in the school system," he added.

He said some burglaries at the schools are believed to have been gang-related.

Detective Stark said stopping the gangs in Okeechobee County will take more than just arresting those who commit crimes.

"To reclaim the streets will

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This vast project will cover nearly 55,000 acres in Lee and Collier counties. The lands surround the National Audubon Society's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, but the sanctuary is not included within the project boundary and will not be acquired.

To date, the district has acquired 18,866 acres and 37,112 acres remain to be acquired.

While the vision for the future of the lands is primarily hydrologic, it also contains ecological and public-use components. Water flows through this area to private, state and federally protected natural areas. The district intends to maintain existing shell flow and water quality within undisturbed portions of the swamp.

The district plans to enhance natural communities degraded by human impact. Natural re-establishment of slash pine and cypress trees will be encouraged in areas that have been logged. The district has initiated chemical treatment, sometimes in combination with prescribed burning, which will continue until exotic-plant infestations are under control.

Recreational potential includes hiking, horseback riding, camping and nature appreciation.

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SUMMER TERM COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION for the Summer term will begin June 12, 1998 in the main office. Day and Evening Programs will begin July 6, 1998 and end July 31, 1998.

DAY PROGRAMS

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Morning Session

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Lunch

11:30 AM - 2:37 PM Afternoon Session

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Times vary depending on the course:

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

(Monday & Tuesday Evenings)

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Average Cost: \$24.00

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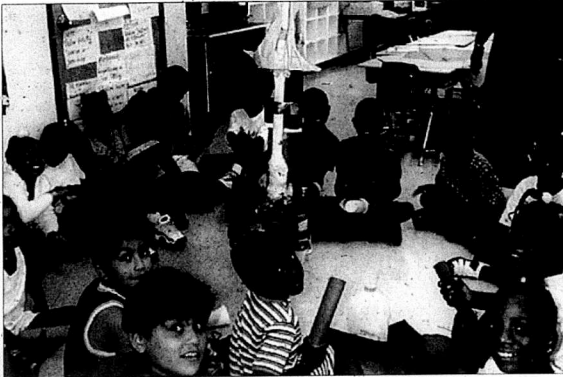
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REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY: Refunds will be made in 100% during the first week and 50% during the second week after registration. No refunds will be made after the second week of class. There are no refunds on books and materials. Additions to all courses and programs is subject to individual without regard to race, sex, disability, or national origin.



We have liftoff...as part of the Voyager Program's Space Adventure Camp at Pioneer Park Elementary, Levon Williams 2nd grade class built a rocket

Are you proud to be an American?

If you are proud to be an American, then share your home, your heart and your heritage with a young person from abroad. We have European teens waiting to be notified that an American family, just like you, has generously opened their home to them for the upcoming 1998-99 academic year. Experience the world of student exchange and help a teenager realize their dream of a year in America!

Council for Educational Travel, USA is seeking volunteer host families for exceptional 15-18 year old high school students from Albania, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Columbia, Germany, Japan, Romania, Poland, Spain & Russia. The students are fluent in English, fully insured and have their own spending money. They are bright, curious and anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their

newly adopted American family. The exchange students arrive from their home country in August and return at the end of the school year in June.

The deadline for placing these students is rapidly approaching and help is needed. Please contact State Manager Joan Soderqvist at 1-888-523-8872.

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South Bay Summer Pic-Nic July 11

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This program will help to empower South Bay with health and social skills. The Medical Center has donated 40,000 pounds of food that arrived on a semi on Tuesday, June 30.

Volunteers from the American Training Institute, an organization that trains individuals to have building and maintenance skills, then finds them jobs according to their acquired skills, were giving a lending hand unloading the food.

They received their first grant from United Way in the amount of \$20,000.

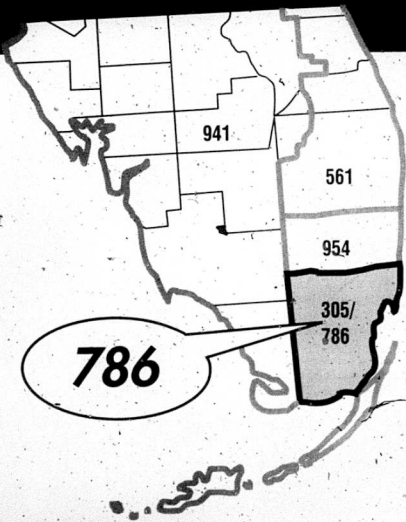
The Pic-Nic is in efforts to collaborate the public and private sectors as a community. There will be food, games, rides, music, raffles, blood and sugar tests and many other activities.

Go out and join the South Bay Medical Center at Cox Park on 8th Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard, South Bay, for an exciting day. Don't miss out on the fun.

Remember...EVERYTHING IS FREE!



Miami-Dade County's new area code: 786.



As one of the fastest growing areas in the country, Miami-Dade County's demand for new phone numbers has exceeded its supply.

To accommodate all the new residential and business numbers, fax lines, modems, cell phones and pagers, as of July 1, 1998, Florida has added the 786 area code within the existing 305 area code boundary (excluding Monroe County). Current phone numbers will not be affected by the change, but new numbers in this area will be assigned the new area code, 786.

If you have any questions about the new 786 area code, just call us at 1 800 964 7941. Or you can visit us at www.bellsouth.com/areacode for more information.

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Volunteers from the American Training Institute, an organization that trains individuals to have building and maintenance skills, then finds them jobs according to their acquired skills, were giving a lending hand unloading the food.

They received their first grant from United Way in the amount of \$20,000.

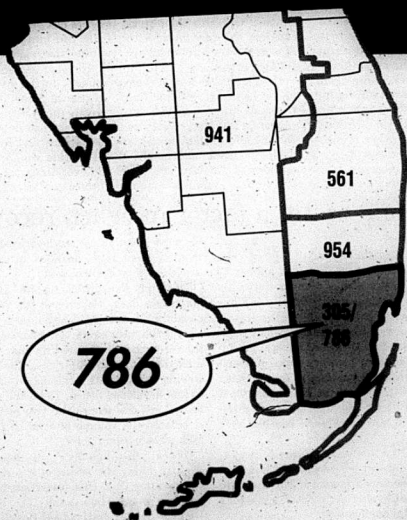
The Pic-Nic is in efforts to collaborate the public and private sectors as a community. There will be food, games, rides, music, raffles, blood and sugar tests and many other activities.

Go out and join the South Bay Medical Center at Cox Park on 8th Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard, South Bay, for an exciting day. Don't miss out on the fun.

Remember...EVERYTHING IS FREE!



Miami-Dade County's new area code: 786.



As one of the fastest growing areas in the country, Miami-Dade County's demand for new phone numbers has exceeded its supply.

To accommodate all the new residential and business numbers, fax lines, modems, cell phones and pagers, as of July 1, 1998, Florida has added the 786 area code within the existing 305 area code boundary (excluding Monroe County). Current phone numbers will not be affected by the change, but new numbers in this area will be assigned the new area code, 786.

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OPINION PAGE

Feel strongly about local issues?

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Speak Out is our free 24-hour opinion line. Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask questions about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance, and fairness.

Stop blaming the hospital

This call is not meant to hurt anybody or discredit anybody's opinion, but it is time for us to stop blaming the hospital in Pahokee for that child's death. No one wants to lose a child.

Just because the hospital was right across the street from where the child was does not mean that child would have lived had it not traveled to Belle Glade. The child was taken there, if my memory serves me correctly, a couple of hours before the child died. So undoubtedly the child was sick when the mother took it there. It's time to stop blaming the hospital for clos-

ing. All of us are hurt at the hospital being closed, but it's time to stop blaming every death or every sickness or every illness or everything that doesn't go according to our will. We must first put God's will. This was God's will that this child go home with him. I might not be saying it right, but stop blaming the hospital's closing for this child's death."

Death by water bill

"Yes. The City of Belle Glade needs to come down on their water bill. They're killing me."

Letters to the Editor

Health Care District
responds to story on
baby's death

Dear Editor:

In response to your request for a statement from the Health Care District regarding The Sun's June 18 story, which reported the death of Frederick Wright, Jr., the Health Care District is not in a position at this time to make a statement. I do not currently have all the facts concerning the death of this three-month-old baby. Any comments by me at this time would be insensitive and unsupported by facts.

The article also referred to the Health Care District. The health of all residents in the Glades if of concern to the Health Care District. We are trying to respond to the issues that have resulted from the closing of Everglades Regional Medical Center and the subsequent filing of bankruptcy by the hospital's board. The facilities that are needed to develop an urgent care center in Pahokee are now under the control of the bankruptcy court. Given the obstacles that are in front of us, we continue to look for an adequate facility where we can restore a medical presence in Pahokee. In the meantime, we are continuing to seek the return of the hospital to the Health Care District.

As a father and a grandfather, my heart goes out to the parents of Frederick Wright, Jr. We do not always understand why someone so young is taken away.

Sincerely,
W. Cecil Bennett
Chief Executive Officer
Palm Beach County Health Care District

Notice gas prices in the
Glades now

Dear Editor:

I noticed that a while back you did a story in

the newspaper which was critical about gas prices being higher in Belle Glade than in Royal Palm Beach.

I hope you will notice that gas with service or without service is now \$1.09 in Belle Glade. It's \$1.15 to \$1.17 without service in Royal Palm Beach at the Aamco and Mobile stations.

Dr. H.E. Hill

Editor's note: Dr. Hill is the owner of Doc's Gas on SR 715, Belle Glade.

Give credit where credit's
due in Pahokee

Dear Editor:

I'm responding to Mr. Larry M. Wright's letter last week titled, "City of Pahokee is moving ahead with new leadership."

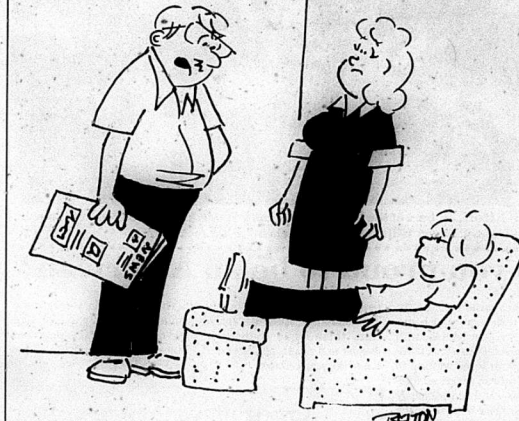
He asks the question "Have you seen Pahokee lately?" Yes, we are seeing Pahokee and Mr. Wright should be reminded that these works were allocated for with available funds and in the making long before the new leaders were elected, thanks to our old leaders. Anything that is done while someone is in office will get that person the credit. It just so happens that it is happening in the right places and time for the new leaders to get credit for them.

Mr. Wright must think the citizens of Pahokee are very stupid. How could new leaders accomplish so much in less than two months? Mr. Wright, it is time for you to wake up and smell the coffee or roses. The new leaders can do nothing without the old leaders who are still there for the citizens of Pahokee and their city.

What we are waiting for is for the new leader (mayor) to open the hospital up immediately as he promised if elected. How about that for new leadership?

We are waiting.

Leigh Johnson
Pahokee



"WE TAUGHT HIM NOT TO USE FOUR LETTER WORDS ... WELL, WORK IS ONE OF THEM."

Laser mapping system could speed
post-hurricane rebuilding effortsBy Aaron Hoover
University of Florida News

A state-of-the-art laser mapping system could save the state millions of dollars in surveying expenses and dramatically accelerate Florida's efforts to rebuild its beaches after major hurricanes, say two University of Florida professors.

At \$1 million, the system isn't cheap, say civil engineering professors Bill Carter and Ramesh Shrestha. But it could slash the expense of gauging damages to beaches after hurricanes more than 90 percent and speed up the process from months to hours, they say.

"You could map all the beaches in Florida to prepare for a hurricane and, after the hurricane, re-map the beaches, and within hours you'd know how much work had to be done," Professor Carter said. "You could get your contracts out, get your contractors in and fix the beaches so people could get back to normal life as quickly as possible."

The first step in rebuilding beaches after hurricanes is to measure sand loss and assess other damages, such as new coves or inlets. Florida and other states have long gone about the work using traditional land-based surveying, which is time-consuming and can delay the start of beach renourishment or other recovery work by weeks or months.

Professors Carter and Shrestha say they adapted a

piece of high-tech equipment called the Airborne Laser Terrain Mapper to do the surveying more accurately in a matter of hours - with the aid of software Prof. Shrestha developed at UF.

Built by a Canadian company called Optech, the mapper draws on technology originally developed by NASA to map ice flows in Greenland, Prof. Carter said.

Aloft in a small plane, it has a highly accurate pulse laser that emits 5,000 pulses of light each second toward the beach. The pulses hit and scatter back, allowing the system to gauge the distance between the plane and the beach. A Global Positioning System and other equipment determine the plane's location and pitch.

The professors leased the system for a week in 1996 to test its capabilities on Panhandle beaches damaged by Hurricane Opal.

Sending it aloft in a plane borrowed from the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT), they surveyed about 300 miles of beaches in six counties. Optech's computers crunched the raw data, with UF computers and software refining it further.

The result was a digital map of the beach. In graphic form, the map mimics what a passenger in the plane would see. But it contains data on the latitude, longitude and height of millions of different points on the beach - measurements

repeated every few meters, impossible through traditional surveying methods.

Professor Shrestha said the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) spent \$330,000 surveying 30 miles of beaches damaged by Opal, whereas the researchers' cost for the 300 miles, not including the system's \$1 million price tag, was \$37,000. The DOT and DEP co-sponsored the project.

"The state survey teams spent about three months, working six days a week, 10 to 12 hours a day, to survey the beach, and then they had cross sections every thousand feet," Prof. Shrestha said. "And we, in an hour, mapped the whole beach with measurements every two meters."

Prof. Shrestha said the researchers delivered the data to DEP and have been told workers are using it as part of rebuilding efforts.

The mapping system has other applications, including highway construction mapping. At the researchers' mapping, the DOT sought to buy the system last year, but it was cut from the budget at the last minute, they said.

UF also has submitted proposals to the state and the National Science Foundation to buy the system.

"The state needs a system somewhere, and one in the state of Florida would pretty much do everything you need to do," Professor Carter said.

Development not a factor in beach recovery

By Aaron Hoover
University of Florida News

Shorefront development does not appear to influence how fast beaches recover naturally after hurricanes, an ongoing University of Florida study has found.

The study by coastal and oceanographic engineering Professor Bob Dean and several graduate students compares recovery rates of developed and undeveloped beaches in four Florida Panhandle counties struck by Hurricane Opal in 1995. Data collected so far shows no consistent difference in how quickly the beaches have recovered.

"I was hoping for the (sake of) the conservation effort the natural beaches would look better than the developed beaches, but the data doesn't show that," said Carrie Suter, a master's student in coastal engineering.

The study did, however, point out the importance of sand dunes in protecting beaches. Where dunes were damaged, the effects on the beaches were obvious, Suter said. Beaches suf-

fer most when dunes are destroyed by development or when jeties or inlets interrupt the natural flow of sand, Dean said.

The study scrutinized one site each in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton and Bay counties, each straddling a developed and undeveloped beach. Visiting the sites every few months since 1996, the researchers measured the distance between a fixed point on the dunes and the ocean out to vying depth at 21 locations on each site - 10 on the developed beach, 10 on the undeveloped beach and one where the two met. They also calculated the volume of sand on the beach at each measurement point.

Overall, the beaches' volumes decreased slightly, likely the result of a series of strong storms after Opal that interrupted the natural recovery process, Dean said.

But whether individual beaches grew or shrank, there was no pattern at the undeveloped and developed beaches, he said. For example, in Bay County the undeveloped beach

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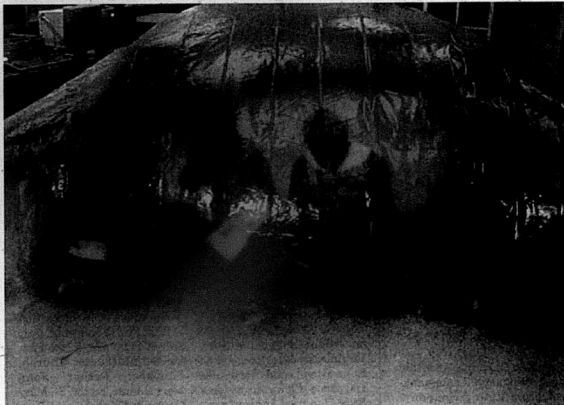
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READING IN A TIME WARP. Students in Sandra Bethel's fourth grade class at Pioneer Park Elementary are participating in the Voyager Program, a Space Adventure Camp this summer at the school. Shown, from left are Ms. Bethel, Marie Sincere, Erezia Eloi, Lionel Brown, Mikela Smith and Juan Davila.



LIVING IN A BUBBLE. Students in Green Johnson's fifth grade class at Pioneer Park Elementary get some idea of how it might be to live in a space bubble. The plastic bubble is being used in several of the summer classes at the school. Over 300 children are enrolled in the Voyager Program Space Adventure Camp. Shown, from left are Katoria Robinson, Evernisha Morgan, Cle-sha Rivers and Britany West.

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shrank while developed beaches grew. In Escambia County, the undeveloped beach shrank at a slower rate than the developed one.

Dean said many of the undeveloped beaches are in parks, which means dunes likely sustain damage from beachgoers. In contrast, dunes in

developed areas are often protected by property owners who rely on them for storm protection, he said.

"A lot of the homeowners I've seen out in the western part of the state - they build their own dunes and cultivate and water them and put little fences around them," he said.

South Bay Police Department arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made 3 arrests the week of June 21-27. They also gave 127 citations, 55 written warnings, handled six offenses, three incident reports, 123 misc. incidents and no accidents.

Those arrested included:
June 21 - No arrests made.
June 22 - No arrests made.
June 23 - No arrests made.
June 24 - Dorthea Mignon Williams, 22, first degree arson, burglary of a business, and grand theft.

June 25 - No arrests made.
June 26 - Rene Delgado Hernandez, 28, failure to appear; Roy Lee Houston, 19, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.
June 27 - No arrests made.

Man arrested after using bogus credit card

A Pahokee man has been charged with fraudulent use of a credit card and grand theft after he purchased over \$2,600 worth of merchandise with a bogus Visa card.

Belle Glade Police arrested Heriberto Peraza, 22, of 437 West Main Street, Pahokee, after they say he used a counterfeit credit card to purchase items at Sound X-Plosion in Belle Glade.

The owner of the store, Nasser Halum, called police after he discovered items purchased

by Peraza were charged to a Visa card issued by someone in Europe. Peraza was going by the name on the card, Mario Rodriguez.

Mr. Halum called police after he saw Peraza later in his vehicle and officers stopped Peraza for questioning.

Their investigation revealed Peraza had purchased the counterfeit Visa card as well as a Florida drivers license in the name of Mario Rodriguez in Miami.

Peraza is being held at the

Palm Beach County Jail. A majority of the property taken in the scam was recovered by police and returned to Mr. Halum at Sound X-Plosion.

U. S. Sugar provides grant for single-family housing

United States Sugar Corporation has provided a grant of \$500,000 and arranged financing to enable Centro Campesino Farmworker Center and South Bay Affordable Housing Inc. to offer single-family home ownership to low and middle income families. These homes are located in Villa Lago, a small agricultural village in South Bay.

This partnership will provide over 100 single-family homes that will be marketed with special financing arrangements to make home ownership more affordable. Central-

ly located, the community called Villa Lago is situated on 34 acres at Highways 27 and 80 in South Bay which was previously the site of duplex housing for the agricultural workers of South Bay Growers. All of the units are being completely renovated and converted to single family homes. Villa Lago will include two, three and four-bedroom homes as well as an on-site church and community center with a child-care program and multi-dimensional family services.

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Sun Spots



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Volunteers sought to teach computer skills

Do you have a few hours a week you could spare to help our local senior citizens? Do you have computer skills and the patience to teach others what you know?

The West County Senior Citizens Center is seeking someone to instruct seniors in the basics of computer skills.

For more information or to volunteer call Effie McNair at 996-4808.

Lifelinebuilders offer to do free home repairs

Lifelinebuilders, a Christian group in the Glades, is offering to do free home repairs for needy families.

The men are especially interested in helping widows in the

Glades who need home repairs but cannot afford to have them done.

For more information, call 996-0508 or 924-7284.

Businesses sought for "Welfare to Work"

Jean Carney from the Division of Jobs & Benefits is urging all Glades employers to get involved in the Welfare to Work program.

Beginning Sept. 30, 1998, there will be 80 families who will no longer be receiving government assistance. These people are going to need jobs. There are many tax incentives for employers who are willing to take part in the Welfare to Work program.

For more information, please contact Jean Carney

or Doug Green at 992-1310.

Doo Wop is coming

Doo Wop City, the attraction, is coming. For information, call 924-2003.

Poll Workers needed

Supervisor of Elections, Theresa LePore, is looking for poll workers in the Glades to work in the upcoming fall elections.

If you are a registered voter in Palm Beach County, have your own transportation, and are physically able to work a 14-hour day, this may be for you. Poll workers are needed to work in many areas of the county. "Each poll worker is a part of the important process by which we Americans select our leaders and have a voice in our government," said Ms. LePore.

Please call 561-355-2650 and ask for extension 0217 to have a poll worker brochure/application mailed to you.

Crimestoppers



Dewayne Anthony Edwards

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate

Dewayne Anthony Edwards, who is wanted for

aggravated assault, burglary while armed and robbery with a gun. Edwards is a black male, 5' 9", weighing 130 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is September 3, 1976. His Social Security Number is

261-91-3144. His last known address was 185 Northwest Second Street, Belle Glade.

His warrant was active as of

June 23, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Edwards, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Belle Glade Police Department arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 635 complaints, worked 9 crime scenes and gave 10 traffic citations the week of June 22-28.

Those arrested included:

June 22 - Tommie Lee Felder, 38, failure to appear; Juvenile, 13, burglary

June 23 - Juvenile, 13, burglary and petty theft; Jimmy Lee Robinson, 33, failure to appear; Juvenile, 14, petty theft.

June 24 - Charles Bailey, 29, aggravated battery with a

deadly weapon; Felton Miller, 23, obstruction by a disguised person; Amede Dieufait, 35, unlawful interception of cable; Lashawanda Donaldson, 20, aggravated battery, aggravated assault;

June 25 - Juvenile, 13, burglary and grand theft; Harwick Denard, 21, aggravated domestic battery, with a deadly weapon; Heriberto Peraza, 22, forgery of a credit card, fraudulent use of a credit card and grand theft;

June 26 - George Baker, Jr., 42, retail theft; Darrell Moreland, 26, gambling with dice and resisting arrest without violence.

June 27 - No arrests made.

June 28 - Alonzo Baker, 18, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Robert Thomas, 29, order of commitment.

Pahokee Police Department arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 4 arrests the week of June 22-28.

Those arrested included:

June 22 - No arrests made.
June 23 - No arrests made.
June 24 - No arrests made.

June 25 - Juvenile, 13, petty theft; Juvenile, 12, petty theft.

June 26 - No arrests made.

June 27 - Cavares Hickman, criminal mischief, resisting arrest with violence, disorderly conduct and corruption by threat; Telly Jackson, 21, obstruction by a disguised person.

June 28 - No arrests made.

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Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for the outpouring of prayers, love and support that everyone has shown to us. You have helped make a difficult time more bearable.



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American democracy viewed from abroad



Rev. Thomas J. McSweeney
Director of The Christophers

Another July Fourth weekend! Fireworks, brass bands, patriotic speeches and colorful parades in American cities, "from sea to shining sea."

I dare say, the great majority of people in the United States have at least once in their lives felt a wave of pride from simply being an American. It might happen when you see a soldier or sailor or veteran saluting the flag. It could be when you visit Washington, D.C. and stand at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial.

Yet I think that for most Americans, the feeling we get when our nation, our people, actually asserts our collectively held freedoms goes beyond pride to something deeper. When we observe actions and words reinforcing our democratic ideals, we perceive truth and hope.

For me it happened in Poland in the summer of 1970.

It was my second season teaching American Theatre during a three month stint on a U.S. State Department project with the University

of Poznan. It was a center for English Language studies for college students from several countries that were then behind the "iron curtain."

While I treasured my experiences with all of them, my closest friends were surely the Polish students who invited me into their homes. On one occasion I was in the apartment of a student's family in Warsaw, where I stayed a few days before returning to America. I have rarely experienced such hospitality. They opened their hearts. Admire a plate of piece of pottery, and it would be in your suitcase the next morning. Food, vodka, and conversation flowed easily, especially with my hosts' fabulous sense of political satire.

Since this was 1970 most of our serious political discussion centered on American involvement in the Vietnam War. My Polish friends were particu-

larly fascinated by the anti-war demonstrations in America, which they had seen on their own news coverage.

One evening we all sat around a small black and white TV watching the broadcast of the International Sopot Festival, a music competition held annually in Poland since 1963. I shall never forget their reaction and my own when American folk song singer Joan Baez appeared on the screen.

At first I felt a little embarrassed. As Joan belted out one of her most devastating protest songs, "Saigon Bride," I heard anger and disillusionment in her words and voice. Sensing my uneasiness, my student's father spoke up immediately to point out something I was clearly missing.

"To us," he broadly announced, "this is the very genius of your democracy! This singer of yours is free

to be critical of her country while in a communist country, and still be free to return to her country and continue doing the same! That is America!"

It was and is a good civics lesson. What I had failed to realize was that an act of protest is itself a vigorous, visible assertion of one of our most basic, "self-evident" truths. Baez' performance sparked a conversation in that small apartment that went well into dawn. Its memory has stayed with me ever since. Listening to my friends' dreams for their country - a decade before the Solidarity movement - I felt pride mingled with humility. I saw that America is one nation that insures our right to recreate democracy every time we peacefully assert these rights.

And I realized that pride is no virtue unless it makes us aware and active citizens.

Three appointed to high-level positions



Alyson Geormar



Sharon Rock



Carl Steele

Three high-level appointments have been made by Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy H. Wilken.

Alyson A. Geormar, of Fort Lauderdale, has been named management operations systems director; Sharon R. Rock, of West Palm Beach, has been named chief deputy for court services; and Carl A. Steele, of Palm Beach Gardens, has been named director of legal records.

In announcing these appointments, Wilken said: "Now that we have reduced our staff and cut our budget by almost 7 percent, these top managers will use their private sector experience to sharpen our operations even more while concentrating on

service to the public."

Geormar, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, was a captain in the Quartermaster Corps in the U.S. Army. She recently moved to South Florida from Long Island where she served as a supervisor for Photocircuits Corp., North America's largest circuit board manufacturer. She has had extensive supervisory, procurement, logistical and management experience.

Sharon Rock, a graduate of Slippery Rock University and South Texas College of Law at Texas A&M University, practiced law in Miami for 10 years before becoming a financial consultant with Wheat First Union in West

Palm Beach. Prior to law school, Rock served as manager of a marketing company. She brings strong business and leadership skills for strategic planning, management and communications.

Carl Steele, a graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic College with a degree in Management, most recently was a financial consultant with the asset management division of Barnett Bank.

He has more than 12 years of experience in the financial services industry previously serving as regional vice president with Island National Bank and Trust Co., as vice president with Great Western Bank and Thomson, McKinnon Securities, Inc.

Obituaries

Funeral services for the late **Charlie Durham**, of Runyon Village, were held Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. at the Morning Star Baptist Church in Runyon Village in Belle Glade. The repose took place on Friday, June 26, at Miller Mortuary.

Interment followed at Everglades Cemetery in Belle Glade.

Elois Glisson, age 61, of South Bay, died Monday, June 22, in the Lake Wales Medical Center, Lake Wales, following a sudden illness.

A native of Ware County, Georgia, she was born on April 10, 1937, daughter of the late Milton and Audrey Smith Hagans. Her family moved to the Glades in 1940 from Georgia and she had spent the greater part of her life here. She was a graduate of Pahokee High School. She was a member and past president of the Auxiliary of American Legion Post 20, a member and past president of the Ladies of Belle Glade Elks Lodge Number 1716, and a member of Lakeside Baptist Church.

For a number of years she owned and operated Our Place Deli and Catering in Belle Glade.

Surviving are: her husband, David A. Glisson, Sr., to whom she was married on March 10, 1956; sons - David Alonzo Glisson, Jr., of Tifton, Georgia and Gregory Glenn Glisson of Clewiston; daughters - Glenda Gaye Clay of Lawrenceville, Georgia and Gloria Gayle Suggs of Albina, Florida; brothers - Gene Hagans of Gore, Virginia, Spooner Hagans of Belle Glade, and Bobby Joe Hagans of Clewiston; sisters - Rita Usher of Indianistown, Vickie Kimm of Okeechobee, and Virginia Marshall of McBea, South Carolina; seven grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were held Thursday, June 25, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lakeside Baptist Church, Pahokee. The Rev. Ted Hines, pastor, officiated. Interment followed in Port Mayaca Memorial Gardens.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, has charge of the arrangements.

moved from Atlanta in 1962. She was a graduate of Pahokee High School, Class of 1972. She received her Associate of Arts degree from Palm Beach Junior College and did further study at Florida State University, Florida State University, and Florida Atlantic University. She had worked for a number of years as a substitute teacher in the Palm Beach County School System. She was a sustaining member of the Auxiliary of Everglades Memorial Hospital and had volunteered her time and effort to many organizations through the years. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Pahokee. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rita Faye Hurt Hooks, on July 24, 1975.

Surviving are: her son - Stephen M. Senff of Canal Point; father and step-mother - Stanley and Linda Hooks of Stuart; brother - Damar Hooks of Parker, Colorado; sister - Suzanne Hooks of Stone Mountain, Georgia; step-sister - Darcy Puert of Stuart; maternal grandparents - Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Hurt of Jupiter; Aunt and Uncles - Richard F. Hurt, Jr., of Fort Lauderdale, Mrs. John Nye of West Palm Beach, Mrs. Donald Thompson of Pahokee, Mrs. Jack Moody of Jupiter, Mary Helen Harris of North Palm Beach, and Robert Harris of West Palm Beach; a number of cousins, and her former father-in-law - Warren Senff of Wadsworth, Ohio.

The Mass of Resurrection will be Friday morning, July 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee. Father John Mericantante, pastor, St. Mary Catholic Church, and Rev. Jackie McMillan will officiate. Interment will follow in Port Mayaca Memorial Park. Those making an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Rev. Father Senff, pastor, at Wellington, St. Mary's and Good Samaritan; the Epilepsy Foundation, St. Mary's Church Scholarship Fund, and the Hospice of Palm Beach County.

The James S. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, has charge of the arrangements.

Karen Hooks Senff, age 44, of Canal Point, died Tuesday evening, June 30, 1998, in the Hospice of Palm Beach County following a courageous battle against cancer.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, she was born on May 23, 1954, daughter of Stanley Hooks and the late Rita Faye Hurt Hooks. She had made her home in Canal Point since her family

Funeral services for the late **Mattie Pittman**, of Belle Glade, were held Saturday, June 27 at 12 p.m. at the Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ, Belle Glade. The repose was held Friday, June 26, at the Miller Mortuary Chapel. Interment took place at Port Mayaca Cemetery, Port Mayaca, FL.

U.S.S.C. provides grant for single family housing

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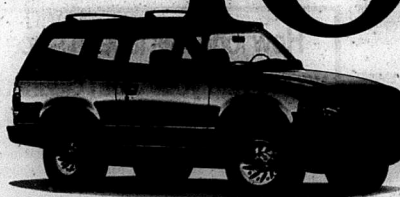
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HEALTH WATCH

•••Nutrition•••

I love lentils

By Katrina Elsen

Lentils are a good source of protein. They are inexpensive and within just about anyone's food budget. Because they are small, they are easy to sneak into all kinds of dishes without the picky-eater members of your family noticing them. Dried lentils store easily and you don't have to worry about them going bad.

According to "The Complete Book of Alternative Nutrition," by the editors of Prevention Magazine, lentils are rich in a group of compounds that are believed to help protect the body against cancer.

Lentils also add fiber to the diet, which improves digestion.

According to "The Nutrition Bible," by Jean Anderson and Barbara Deskins, lentils supply hefty doses of dietary fiber, protein, complex carbohydrates as well as iron, thiamin, niacin, phosphorus and potassium.

One cup of boiled lentils (which is probably a lot more than anyone would eat in one meal, because they are very fill-



Katrina Elsen

ing) contains 231 calories, 18 g. protein, 1 g. fat (0 saturated), no cholesterol, 38 mg. calcium, 356 mg. phosphorus, 6.6 mg. iron, 731 mg. potassium, 10 g. dietary fiber, .34 mg. thiamin, .15 mg. riboflavin, 2.1 mg. niacin and 3 mg. vitamin C.

Lentils are an ancient food source, mentioned in the Old Testament. (Esau sold his birthright for a stew made with red lentils.)

Cooking with lentils is pretty easy. First wash them in cold water. Remove any dirt or debris that floats to the surface. Because they take about

45 minutes to an hour cook, you'll may need to add additional cooking time to your sauce, soup, stew or whatever you are putting the lentils in. Just add one cup of additional liquid for every half-cup of lentils you use. If other ingredients cook faster, put the lentils in first.

You can add lentils to lots of different kinds of vegetable or meat casseroles, stews or soups. Throw some in homemade vegetable soups or spaghetti sauce. They have a slightly nutty flavor on their own, but will take on the flavors of the spices and other ingredients you use.

Indian (from India, not Native American) cooking makes good use of lentils, often using them in dishes with fiery hot spices.

Middle Eastern dishes may combine lentils with rice and spices like nutmeg or with pasta dishes flavored with garlic.

•••Healthy Reading•••

Foods that heal: check out this book!

(NAPS)—Foods have the power, says a new book, not only to nourish us, but also to fight what ails us. Many leading health authorities agree that the natural healing properties of common foods help make the task of "eating healthy" a lot easier to swallow.

The book offers numerous healthful ideas, including how:

- An apple a day can help keep the doctor away by lowering cholesterol;

- A "heart" glass of wine at dinner can help protect the arteries; and

- A fresh green salad can help protect you from the effects of secondhand smoke.

Prevention's New Foods for Healing: Capture the Powerful Cures of More Than 100 Common Foods (Rodale Books; \$29.95), by Selene Yeager and the editors of Prevention

Health Books, details the extraordinary potential of foods to stop disease and health threats in their tracks.

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•••Emergencies•••

Animal Bites: What you should know

(NAPS)—Animal bites can be frightening, and in some cases, are an emergency. The most common animal bites in the United States are from household pets, with dogs and cats causing the most bites. Fortunately, most of them are not a cause for alarm. Bites from wild animals are less common, but they are more dangerous because of the threat of rabies, a serious and often fatal infection of the central nervous system. "Animal bites can vary from minor to serious," said Dr. Richard MacKenzie of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "However, none should be disregarded."

- If the bite breaks the skin, treat it as you would a minor wound. Wash the area thoroughly with soap and water, apply an antibiotic cream, and cover it with a clean bandage. If you have not had a tetanus shot in the last ten years, you should get one, preferably within 48 hours.

- If the bite creates a deep puncture or the skin is badly torn and bleeding, apply pressure to stop the bleeding and get medical attention right away.

- If you have a fever or you notice signs of infection (swelling, redness, pain, bad smell or fluid draining from the area), see a physician immediately.

- If you get bitten by an animal that is acting strangely, you should see a doctor immediately. This is especially true

for bats, skunks, raccoons and foxes. The strange behavior may be a sign of rabies. Strange behavior is typically an unprovoked attack. If normally shy nocturnal (night) animals bite during the day, seek medical attention. Rabies is rare in dogs, cats, rodents, and plant-eating animals.

To prevent animal bites, teach children to avoid unfamiliar animals and to realize that any animal may bite when they are frightened, ill, or injured. Even pets may bite when startled by sudden noises or motions or disturbed when sleeping or eating. Never leave young children unattended with animals. If you have not had a tetanus shot in the past ten years get one.

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July 4	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Andretti	Skinner
July 12	Winston 500, Winston-Salem, N.C.	J. Burton	Schneider
July 26	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Jarrett	Nemechek
Aug. 1	Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.	Rudd	Invan
Aug. 9	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 16	DelValle 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Martin	Benson
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	Jarrett	K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CMT 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	Schneider
Sept. 6	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.	J. Gordon	B. Labonte
Sept. 12	Exide 400, Richmond, Va.	Jarrett	Elliott
Sept. 20	MBNA 400, Dover, Del.	Martin	Martin
Sept. 27	Hanes 500, Martinsville, Va.	W. Burton	G. Bodine
Oct. 4	UAW-GM 500, Concord, N.C.	Jarrett	Invan
Oct. 11	Winston 500, Talladega, Ala.	T. Labonte	Hamilton
Oct. 25	Dura-Lube 500, Avondale, Ariz.	Jarrett	B. Labonte
Nov. 1	AC-Delco 400, Rockingham, N.C.	Hamilton	G. Bodine
Nov. 8	NAPA 500, Concord, N.C.	B. Labonte	

FEUD OF THE WEEK**Jeff Burton vs. Dale Jarrett**

These two Ford drivers would seem unlikely adversaries, but they tangled just past the midpoint of Sunday's SaveMart/Kragen 350, and Burton accused Jarrett of everything but communist conspiring. When he heard Burton's remarks, Jarrett was so angry that,

unusual for him, he refused to comment. **NASCAR This Week** motorsports writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "We don't know what happened before the incident, but the television replay seemed to fix the blame on Burton, not Jarrett."



Ike Powell

Pahokee boxers win recent bouts

Pahokee athletes are on a roll. **Nelson Lopez, Jr.** added another win to his record last Friday in Miami. He went three rounds to beat his opponent by judges decision. He proved to be the better boxer.

This year has been a good year for Nelson. He has achieved the Florida State title and the Golden Gloves title and plans to continue his boxing career till he reaches the pro's. He is trained by his father, Nelson, Sr., owner of Lake Boxing Gym. "I am trying to find the best competition I can for Nelson. He is a good boxer and is going to make it to the top," says Nelson, Sr. "When he makes it pro he is going to look good,

because he has had the experience during his amateur career."

One more win means one more step to the top for **Ike Powell**. Ike is a professional boxer living in Pahokee. On Saturday, June 27, Ike competed in a boxing tournament in Miami. After four rounds of blood and sweat the crowd anticipated the final results. Ike Powell or Maurice Bruton!! By judges decision, once again, Ike is the man of the hour. Ike is now undefeated and on his way to the top of the professional box-



Nelson Lopez, Jr.
(SUNPHOTOS by Jennie Sears)

ing ladder. Ike trains everyday at Lake Boxing Gym in Pahokee. The long hours of training always pay off for Ike. When he steps into the ring he is confident that he is in the best physical shape in order to endure 4 rounds of non-stop blows. Powell's next tournament will be July 25 at the Son's of Italy in West Palm Beach.

RACING ON THE WEB

Matt Kenseth Fan Page
www.bmfm.net/mkenseth

Strong points: This young Wisconsin driver, by signing a personal contract with Jack Roush, moved quickly into the ranks of NASCAR's most promising young drivers this year. There is a market for info on Matt, and this is the place.

Weak points: Hardly comprehensive, but it has info on Kenseth's background that you probably don't already know.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:**The rich history of NASCAR**

The late Fireball Roberts won three of the first five Independence weekend races at Daytona, winning in 1959 and 1962 in a Pontiac and in 1963 in a Ford. A.J. Foyt then captured the next two events, in 1964 and 1965, also in Fords. Three times, in the years since a first-time winner has scored in the Daytona heat: Sam McQuigg in 1966, Greg Sacks in 1985 and John Andretti last year.

Rising Star Track Club needs support



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GFC teams with Fox Network and Stark Group to bring fishing tourney to Florida

The biggest-purse amateur bass fishing tournament in history is coming to Florida next year. The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC), the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Fox Network and the Stark Group of Orange, Texas have teamed up to make it happen.

Partners still have a lot of details to work out, including the exact amount of the purse, but the four-hour-long special about Florida's fish and wildlife will be produced for Fox Network.

The Stark Group is a limited liability partnership that organized a highly successful similar project in Texas," said Ross Morrell, head of the GFC's Office of Informational Services. "The Texas project included the biggest amateur bass fishing tournament ever held, but we expect to top it here in Florida in 1999."

In Florida, the project will include three preliminary fishing tournaments in different parts of the state during January, February and March.

New Crappie Rule to take effect

Beginning July 1, the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) will begin enforcing a new daily bag limit on black crappie (speckled perch).

The five-member Commission voted in March to establish a daily bag limit of 25 black crappie statewide. Previously, black crappie counted in the daily bag limit of 25 panfish in addition to the daily limit of 50 panfish (bream).

Ed Moyer, GFC fisheries director said the new rule is the first step to building quality fishing lakes for black crappie. Reducing the bag limit will

tournament in Florida will attract amateur anglers from all over the country — especially from everywhere it's cold that time of year, Morrell said.

enable us to better manage black crappie populations by allocating the resource among more anglers.

New crappie restrictions on Lake Monroe, considered one of the top crappie lakes in the state, are expected to provide anglers with quality fishing because of the reduction in the bag limit and a 12-inch minimum size limit.

Moyer hopes this new approach to managing crappie will increase angler interest in high-quality crappie fishing.

In addition, the Commission eliminated the daily bag limit for chain and redbfin pickerel.

Winners will take part in the championship in April.

Particularly in the January and February tournaments, we expect the prospect of taking part in a high-purse fishing

The 'Stark Group approached the GFC earlier this year with a proposal to team up for the project and to bring in Fox Network as a fourth partner. A portion of the

proceeds will go to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida to support GFC's special projects and activities.

Part of Fox Network's participation will be to spotlight some aspects of Florida's fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities. The Stark Group will plan and execute the tournaments and the GFC will provide technical assistance for the project. Tentatively titled "The Florida Fish and Wildlife Adventure Series,"

"Florida will receive enormous economic benefits from the network exposure and especially from the thousands of anglers who will flock here to take part in the fishing tournaments," Morrell said. "And the proceeds the tournaments will generate for our foundation will help boost the

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1. Jeff Gordon, 2,357	1. Matt Kenseth, 2,199	1. Jack Sprague, 1,470
2. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,317	2. M. McLaughlin, 2,179	2. Ron Hornaday, 1,403
3. Mark Martin, 2,305	3. D. Earnhardt Jr., 2,147	3. Joe Ruttman, 1,358
4. Dale Jarrett, 2,283	4. Randy LaJoie, 1,890	4. Jay Sauter, 1,245
5. Rusty Wallace, 2,147	5. Jason Keller, 1,849	5. Tony Raines, 1,242
6. Bobby Labonte, 2,070	6. Buckshot Jones, 1,819	6. Stacy Compton, 1,171
7. Terry Labonte, 2,045	7. Elton Sawyer, 1,815	7. Randy Tolson, 1,117
8. Jeff Burton, 1,949	8. Phil Parsons, 1,812	8. Mike Wallace, 1,110
9. Jimmy Spencer, 1,875	9. Tim Fedewa, 1,811	9. Rick Cavalli, 1,054
10. Dale Earnhardt, 1,852	10. Hermie Sadler, 1,786	10. Andy Houston, 1,040

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Jeff Gordon dominated the first of two road-racing weekends, sweeping both pole and race at Sears Point Raceway in Sonoma, Calif.

The track's reconfiguration—a couple of turns were eliminated, cutting each lap from 2.52 to 1.95 miles—was not overwhelmingly popular with drivers, most of whom thought it made the passing more difficult.

Runner-up finisher Bobby Hamilton turned in his best road-race performance

ever, and third-place John Andretti had his best finish of the year. The highest-finishing Ford was fifth-place Rusty Wallace.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

This series also "hit the road," with Ron Fellows pulling off the same feat he accomplished a year ago at Watkins Glen in Craftsman Truck Series competition.

Fellows, an accomplished road racer, climbed into Joe Nemeche's Chevy and won the Lysol 200 at the Glen.

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

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|---|---|
| 1. Jeff Gordon (2)
Back on top | 6. Rusty Wallace (7)
The slump's over |
| 2. Mark Martin (1)
Unable to reach front | 7. Terry Labonte (5)
Never got untracked |
| 3. Jeremy Mayfield (3)
Uneasy on the road | 8. Jeff Burton (8)
Busted a barrier |
| 4. Dale Jarrett (4)
Sunday was a struggle | 9. Bobby Hamilton (NR)
Dazzling performance |
| 5. Bobby Labonte (6)
Surprise 4th at Point | 10. Dale Earnhardt (9)
Nothing to brag about |



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THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

COMING UP: Pepsi 400

WHERE: Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

WHEN: Saturday, July 4

DEFENDING CHAMPION: John Andretti

EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Sterling Marlin, Chevrolet, 203.688 mph, July 3, 1986

RACE RECORD: Bobby Allison, Mercury, 173.473 mph, July 4, 1980

OTHER FORMER WINNERS: David Pearson is the all-time winner with five summer victories, including three in a row from 1972 to 1974. Bill Elliott and



Andretti

ALMOST HOME COOKING

We highly recommend the blackened red snapper at the aptly named Atlantic Red Snapper, just across the street from the ocean, to the south of the Civic Center and the central beachfront district.

Dale Earnhardt, however, are the active leaders in victories, tallying two apiece. NOTE: The Pepsi 400 will become the first nighttime race in the history of Daytona and the first live network telecast of a Winston Cup race on prime time.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

COMING UP: DieHard 250

WHERE: The Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, Wis.

WHEN: Sunday, July 5

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Randy LaJoie

TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD: Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 118.320 mph, July 6, 1996

RACE RECORD: Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 100.999 mph, July 2, 1994. OTHER FORMER WINNERS: No one has ever won this race more than once. Buckshot Jones is the only active winner besides LaJoie who is likely to be in the field. Dale Jarrett won in 1995. Steve Grissom in 1993.

NOTE: Jones' victory was the first of his career. Tim Fedewa was the pole last year. The first Milwaukee winner was Sam Ard, in 1984.

PROFILE

Darrell Waltrip

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Darrell Waltrip has won more races than any active Winston Cup driver, but none since 1992, when he scored three victories.

Recently, while substituting for the injured Steve Park in a Chevrolet owned by Dale Earnhardt Inc., Waltrip has shown that he is still capable of getting the job done. The three-time champion has turned in finishes of fifth and sixth in recent races.

AGE: 51

SPOUSE: Steve

CHILDREN: Jessica

Leigh (10), Sarah Kaitlyn (5).

CAR: No. 1 Pennzoil Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by Teresa Earnhardt.

CAREER RECORD: 835 starts, 59 poles, 84 wins, 276 top fives, 387 top 10s, almost \$17 million in winnings.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE REVITALIZED YOUR CAREER IN RECENT WEEKS? "Some people may have had my driving career dead and buried, but they didn't put quite enough dirt on me. I kicked it off and, in this Pennzoil car, I crawled back out. It brings tears to my eyes to get back out there and compete like this. I never thought I would see it. I thought I was done. But I'm crawling back out, and gosh darn it, we are going to win a race."

IS CONTROVERSY GOOD FOR THE SPORT? "I love controversy. It's the part of the sport. It's the heat of the moment. It's not politically correct because you don't have someone telling you what to say and what not to say. You shoot from



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Darrell Waltrip says he loves controversy

the hip and when you let the bullets fly, sparks fly and tempers fly. It's a vent. Whenever I got into a fight or a hassle with somebody, sooner or later it would go away because we would get it all vented out. I think it's good for the sport because it's colorful and exciting."

WHAT IS CAUSING THE RECENT CONTROVERSIES AMONG DRIVERS? "I think, in some cases, the frustration levels are going up because guys aren't winning, particularly when we go to places where they

think they should win or have won before. I remember when we got the Monte Carlo in 1995, and I knew I had an advantage because of that car. I think if I were driving a Taurus right now, I would think that I had a better start taking advantage of the advantage I have. When you are getting beat by someone in a Monte Carlo, let's say, and you know that you should be beating him because you are in a Taurus, then you get frustrated. You start doing things you normally wouldn't do."

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin, Gastonia, N.C. 28054

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Bobby Hamilton had "never finished better than 14th at Sears Point Raceway until Sunday. Hamilton managed a second-place finish in a Chevrolet that he handled so perfectly that, according to Hamilton, all he had to do was hang on. Larry McClure's race team, led by crew chief Robert Larkins, obviously deserves recognition.

TRIVIA

- Who won the last Winston Cup race at the Nashville Fairgrounds?
- Who was the first stock car driver to officially surpass 200 mph?
- What NFL quarterback co-owns a Winston Cup team?

Who's hot...
WHO'S HOT?
 Jeff Gordon has finished eighth or better in eight of the last nine races, with two victories.

WHO'S NOT?
 Todd Bodine has qualified for only seven races this season, with one finish better than 22nd.

AROUND THE GARAGE

Questions arise after Jack Roush signs Kevin Lepage

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

SONOMA, Calif. — Jack Roush announced a new wrinkle in his motorsports empire Saturday, and the move made at least a couple of drivers a bit uneasy.

Roush, who already owns five teams, put Kevin Lepage under contract. As to where he will emerge to drive, and at what point, Roush opted not to be forthcoming.

"Kevin has proved himself to be one of the best new talents on the Winston Cup circuit," said Roush. "We felt the time was right to give Kevin and his fans the chance to see what he can do

with our support."

Right now, we've secured the option to sign Kevin to a multi-year contract. We hope to formally exercise that option over the next few weeks and move forward with our plans for 1999 and beyond."

Since Roush has publicly stated he will seek no more than five teams, the question becomes: Who's out?

The most likely spot is for Ted Musgrave to be released, although Roush has not said so. Musgrave has driven Roush's No. 14 Ford since 1994, but has never won. Roush recently announced a cooperative arrangement with the Wood Brothers, so Matt Kenseth

could be slotted for a second team the Woods are rumored to be adding.

OK, FINE? Almost immediately, Lepage's current employer, Joe Falk, booted Lepage out of his ride.

"We're done," said Falk of his relationship with Lepage. Falk did not hide his bitterness at losing Lepage at the worst of times.

"We can't afford to have a bad finish here. We need to run up front. That's all I'm trying to do. I'm trying to do what I think I had to do to run up front, just like Kevin thinks he had to go to Roush's to run up front. ... Joe

The NFL Players Association is chock-full of racing fans, especially the Dolphins' Trace Armstrong, union president. The NFLPA is working with a couple of NASCAR teams, those of John Andretti and Kyle Petty, in a joint marketing effort. Football players are becoming as numerous as tire changers in the garage on race mornings.

ON THE MARKET

Falk ain't the richest guy in the garage, but I've got enough money to run this car for the rest of the year. We were close to signing a sponsor. That sponsor wanted Kevin, so I wouldn't doubt if you see a Roush car with that sponsor.

BOWLED OVER: The claim accompanying Jeremy Mayfield's first Winston Cup victory last week overwhelmed the 29-year-old driver.

"The past week was one I have looked forward to all my life," said Mayfield, from Owensboro, Ky. "It's been a fun week, but we know we've got to get back to work."

SCHEDULES:

- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL -

GLADES CENTRAL HIGH: BELLE GLADE 4A / 15		
Date	Site	Opponent
09/05/98	A	Pope John Paul High School
09/18/98	A	Clewiston High School
09/25/98	A	Wellington High School
10/09/98	H	Fort Pierce Westwood High School
10/16/98	H	Cardinal Newman High School
10/23/98	H	Suncoast High School
10/30/98	H	Olympic Heights High School
11/06/98	A	Forest Hill High School
11/13/98	A	Pahokee High School

GLADES DAY SCHOOL: BELLE GLADE 2A / 13		
Date	Site	Opponent
09/04/98	A	LaBelle High School
09/11/98	H	Benjamin School
09/18/98	H	Gulliver Prep School
09/25/98	H	John Carroll High School
10/02/98	A	Frostproof High School
10/09/98	H	St. Edward's School
10/16/98	A	Gulf Coast H.S.
10/23/98	A	King's Academy
10/30/98	H	Key West High School
11/06/98	A	Moore Haven High School

PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL: PAHOKEE 3A / 14		
Date	Site	Opponent
09/04/98	A	Wellington High School
09/11/98	A	Dwyer High School
09/18/98	A	Suncoast High School
09/25/98	H	Jupiter Community High School
10/02/98	A	Atlantic High School
10/09/98	A	Royal Palm Beach High School
10/23/98	H	Pope John Paul High School
10/30/98	H	Forest Hill High School
11/06/98	A	Cardinal Newman High School
11/13/98	H	Glades Central High School

CLEWISTON HIGH SCHOOL: CLEWISTON 3A / 12		
Date	Site	Opponent
09/04/98	A	Okeechobee High School
09/11/98	A	Msgr. Pace High School
09/18/98	H	Glades Central High School
10/02/98	H	Booker High School
10/09/98	H	Bishop Verot High School
10/16/98	A	American Heritage School
10/23/98	H	LaBelle High School
10/30/98	H	Lely High School
11/06/98	A	Hardee High School
11/13/98	A	Immokalee High School

MOORE HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL: MOORE HAVEN 2A / 13		
Date	Site	Opponent
09/04/98	A	Lake Placid High School
09/11/98	A	St. Edward's School
09/18/98	A	Cardinal Mooney High School
09/25/98	A	Benjamin School
10/02/98	H	American Heritage School
10/09/98	A	King's Academy
10/16/98	H	LaBelle High School
10/23/98	H	John Carroll High School
11/06/98	H	Glades Day School

CLEWISTON MOTOR SPORTS PARK 1998 RACING SCHEDULE

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| July
• Race nights: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.
• Special events 4th of July fireworks City of Clewiston (behind John B. Boy Auditorium) and the Baseball fields.
• Practice: July 1, 15. | August
• Race nights: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28.
• Special events: Aug. 8 Car parts swap meet.
• Practice: Aug. 5, 19. |
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Fishing tourney strikes Florida

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well-being of Florida's fish and wildlife. We plan to carry out this project for at least three years.

Fishing is big business in Florida. In fact this state leads the nation in the number of anglers - 2.8 million of them, including 1.1 million who fish in fresh water.

"That translates into \$6 billion a year that fishing pours into the state's economy," Morrill said. "Fishing supports 82,000 jobs here."

One unique feature of the fishing tournament component is that organizers will award prizes for such things as the first angler to report to the weigh-in station with a fish that weighs a certain weight.

"There will be all kinds of ways to win great prizes," Morrill said.

Randy Stark of the Stark Group said he and his staff are

brimming with excitement about the Florida project.

"We're looking forward to coming down there and working with the GFC and its foundation and putting on the richest amateur bass fishing tournament the world has ever seen," he said. "And we'll be honored to be a part of the funding process that cares for Florida's fish and wildlife."

Fox Sports Network Vice President Jon Heidtke, said, the network is confident the project will be a great success.

"With the success the Outdoor Adventure Series has experienced in Texas, we are extremely excited about expanding the format in Florida, he said. "We look forward to working with the GFC to promote outdoor activities."

"We feel confident these bass tournaments will be just as successful in Florida as they are in Texas."

Glades Track Club tops competition

Local girls take 1st, 2nd and 3rd at Pentathlon.

The Glades Track Club participated in the USATF Region IV/Florida State Junior Olympic National Qualifier at Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens June 17-20.

GENEEKA MORRIS (midjet age group) placed 2nd in the High Jump with 4' 3/4", 4th in the Shot Put with 27' 1", and 3rd place in the 80 Meter Hurdles with 13.88.

ANITA PERKINS (youth age group) placed 1st in the High Jump with 4' 10 1/4", 1st in the Javelin with 78' 3", 3rd in

the Long Jump with 15' 7 3/4", and 3rd in the 1500 Meter Run with 5:18.36.

TIFFANY SUMMERALL (midjet age group) placed 7th in the 80 Meter Hurdles with 17.21 and 6th in the 400 Meter Dash with 1:07.72.

KRISTIN WHITE (youth women age group) placed 1st in the Javelin with 73' 8" and 2nd in the Discus with 108' 10".

The girls qualified for the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships to be held at the University of Washington in Seattle on July 28 - Aug.

FINAL Pentathlon results

are as follows:
ANITA PERKINS (youth age group) placed 1st in her age group with 2,952 points.

GENEEKA MORRIS (midjet age group) placed 2nd in her age group with 2,226 points.

TIFFANY SUMMERALL (midjet age group) placed 3rd in her age group with 2,097 points.

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70: Willie Samuels, Jr.

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They helped tame the fury of Florida's Everglades

The Winne's found a forbidding frontier - With snakes, panthers and criminals

This article was found in the Winne house which faced N.W. Ave. L and sat on what is now the vacant portion of Two-T Plaza. The property was purchased in 1976 from the Winne heirs. The house had been vandalized, but quite a bit remained. The Winne's evidently saved the article.

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In the short span of less than a lifetime, Mr. and Mrs. Ross W. Winne, of Chosen, have watched one of America's last frontiers grow from a vast wilderness into a mighty force of modern civilization.

In fact, they had a hand in carving the fertile civilization. And as they toiled and fought nature's resistance, violent at times, they saw the birth of towns which sprang up into bustling little cities almost overnight.

This last frontier which the Winnes helped conquer is the mysterious Everglades, of which some 100,000 acres around the lower end of Lake Okechobee has been wrested from nature and put to work to help feed a mighty and growing nation.

Thousands of acres in the Everglades remain to be conquered, but with pioneers like the Winnes having laid ground work the hard way, the job which remains will be one which will be handled by modern science and engineering.

The Winnes have been recognized as the oldest couple in point of residence in the Glades. A former Lake Erie fisherman, Winne brought his family to the Glades from Ohio in 1912.

He made a modest living fishing on Lake Okechobee, and later when the agricultural potential of the area was recognized, added farming to his activities. He raised a family of five children through trying periods, when just making a living wasn't so easy.

With Winne now 70 and no longer able to work, Mrs. Winne, 61, helps make ends meet by taking in sewing. Part of their income is derived from rent of the 70 acres of homesteaded farm land which they own.

When the Winnes came here, there were only a handful of people around the lake. There was no Moore Haven, no Belle Glade, no Pahokee. In fact, there was nothing here but wilderness, as Mrs. Winne recalled.

What lured Winne to the lake



Mrs. Ross W. Winne, 61, recalls the bitter days she and her husband experienced when they helped carve a civilization out of the wild Everglades, where they settled in 1912. Her husband unable to work, she takes in sewing to help augment an income from homesteaded land they rent out for farming.

area was two seasons of salt water fishing in the waters around Miami. Word was getting around about the fish in Lake Okechobee and when Winne returned to Ohio at the end of the season, he informed his wife they were moving to Florida.

Mrs. Winne said if she had an inkling of what they were getting into, she never would have consented to making their home in the glades.

They got their first idea of what the frontier country was like while traveling through Florida on a train. It was around Christmas time and a group of rough timber men who had inbided in holiday cheer rather heavily boarded the train at Palatka.

Quarreling among the timber men led to fighting and in no time at all, the train was in a state of complete uproar.

"There was no place to go to get away from the ugly words and angry, fighting men," said Mrs. Winne.

As the fighting grew in intensity, one man was stabbed and thrown from the train. The train crew organized and subdued the timbermen with guns and clubs, then wired ahead for

the sheriff.

Mrs. Winne said she has never learned the fate of the man who was stabbed - a thought that troubles the peace-loving woman's mind to this day.

The first leg of their journey ended on Christmas Day in Fort Myers, where they spend a week before continuing across the lake to their destination - Torrey Island, located on the East side of Lake Okechobee, near Belle Glade.

That awful trip finally ended at 3 o'clock in the morning of January 3, recalled Mrs. Winne. They pitched their tents - a cook tent and a living tent - on Torrey, which was located about half a mile from the mainland and began their life of hardship which was never to really end.

In May of that year they started building a house. The 14x16-foot structure was completed in July of 1912.

"Ours was the first house on Lake Okechobee that had windows in it," said Mrs. Winne, who seemed to vividly recall every incident of their early experiences.

One other family and two bachelors were living on Torrey Island when its 600 acres was



There were no roads, no towns in the 'Glades area when Ross W. Winne, 71, brought his family here to join a few other pioneers who foresaw a future in the vast wilderness. No longer able to work at his trade as fisherman, Winne's future was not destined to prosper.

(Tribune Photos)

surveyed in 1913, enabling the Winnes to begin homesteading their 70-plus acres a few months later.

Mrs. Winne actually was one of the early pioneer farmers of this area. Finances almost depleted when they first arrived, Mrs. Winne started a garden which helped provide fresh vegetables as well as making their few dollars stretch a little further.

"Everybody laughed at me. They said I couldn't raise anything in that black dirt. But, I fooled 'em," she proudly recalls.

The first road to opportunities in the lake region was opened when the State Internal Improvement Board dug a canal from the South Bay area to Fort Lauderdale, Winne said.

"I took the first load of fish from Okechobee to the East Coast through the canal," explained Winne, recalling that he only got five cents a pound delivered for his catch.

By 1914, farmers started to drift in and a few freight boats began serving the lake region. It was about that time that Winne started limited farming activities along with his fishing.

The last four of the Winnes' six children were born and raised on Torrey Island. Jack, the first child born to them on the island, is dead. The others, in order of their age, are: H.C. Winne, born in 1916, who now resides in Mobile, Ala., Mary, born on New Year's Eve, 1920; Dorothy, now Mrs. C.E. Selzer, of Belle Glade, who was born in 1922. Their youngest child is Ross W. Jr., 20, a University of Florida football player.

In 1917, a school was built on Torrey Island to accommodate

children of the dozen families who resided there at that time.

Most of the area's population in those days was on the islands of Torrey, Kramer and Ritta. Eventually, a road from the mainland to Torrey was built; and in 1923, the road leading from Belle Glade to West Palm Beach was put in.

During those early days, life was not one of terrible adversity between men, according to Winne. True, Winne and others became engaged in bitter feuds over land rights, and lives sometimes were at stake. But compared to the stories of outlaw days when the West was pioneered, this was peaceful country, Winne said.

Recalling the start of towns in this area, Winne said Pahokee began to develop in 1916. A railroad ran to Canal Point at that time. The railroad moved into Belle Glade in the early 1920's and that opened things up in a big way, the Winnes remember.

Most of the towns around the lake area began to develop in a big way after the 1928 hurricane, which wiped out establishments on the populated islands.

That is when the Winnes gave up their farm on Torrey Island and moved to Canal Point. Another storm drove them out of Canal Point and they moved to their present home in Chosen in 1934.

Mrs. Winne told of the terrors of the 1928 storm, which they escaped by wisely fleeing to West Palm Beach. She recounted the horrible days and nights

when rescue teams hauled the dead in boat loads.

"At Woodlawn Cemetery in West Palm Beach, steam shovels dug long trenches, and the rough hewn coffins, placed side by side in the common grave, were quickly covered again," Mrs. Winne said.

For a week, Winne worked digging out the dead and helping to identify their decomposed bodies. After five days, decomposition was so bad identification was impossible. Mrs. Winne recalled that her husband could scarcely see during the period of recovering bodies of his friends.

"He would put his hands nearly to his face, then shudder and put them down again until he finally forced himself to eat," she said.

Returning to the Glades from West Palm Beach five weeks after the storm, Mrs. Winne said "I could scarcely believe my eyes."

She told of the utter ruins her part of the county was left in - roads, railroads, buildings, everything gone.

"Sometimes cold chills would creep over me, and I had the feeling of living in a graveyard. It took us several years to push into the background the awfulness of what had happened."

"Ross' nerves were near the breaking point, and at just the mention of the storm, and the few awful weeks that followed, and he could scarcely keep from bursting into tears," said Mrs. Winne.

Winne said reflecting the sorrow resulting from the terrible storm as his wife continued to relate the story.

Pointing out she arrived on Torrey Island when not even 20 years old, Mrs. Winne said:

"For 16 years I had put my youth, my heart and my dreams into building a home for us all and a future for our children; and with the storm it was all gone and many of our dear friends were dead."

"Nothing was left but the bare land. And there we were - two middle-aged people with five children to care for. I couldn't imagine how we could ever acquire the courage to start all over again."

"But courage is restored to me somehow, and each day we managed to pick up a few of the loose ends of our existence, and in time were again working and planning for the future, along with the other survivors."

That's the kind of people it took to build the Everglades.

Reality check: Seniors can have AIDS

United States data from the CDC Surveillance Reports through June 30, 1997, state that there were 62,874 cases of AIDS among adults fifty and older in the United States. South Florida has the greatest number of seniors infected with AIDS in the nation, and these cases were transmitted primarily through sexual intercourse. Unfortunately, this segment of the population has been virtually ignored since the onset of the AIDS epidemic. State officials want to avoid repeating the pitfall which helped the AIDS virus to explode in the early 1980's said David Bruns, spokesman for the Department of Elder Affairs. At that time, the taboo of homosexuality inhibited educational efforts, he said. Now the taboo topic is sexual activity among seniors. "People don't want to think about Grandma and Grandpa being intimate, but HIV has no respect for elders," Bruns said.

AIDS has been called the

"great imitator" because its symptoms mimic the accepted symptoms of old age, e.g., pneumonia, loss of memory, loss of weight and vaginal infections in women. HIV disease is not being diagnosed in seniors until it is in the advanced stages, resulting in death shortly after diagnosis.

One of the fastest-growing groups of people with AIDS is women 60-69 years old. How did they acquire this disease? Data shows that most HIV infections in this group occurred through sexual intercourse.

The Seniors HIV Intervention Project (SHIP) has been developed as a tri-county collaborative effort between the State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Department of Health as a pilot program for the prevention of HIV/AIDS in the senior community. The Broward County Health Department was appointed as the lead coordinating agency and work in conjunction with the area Agency on Aging of

Broward County, the Alliance for Aging of Dade County and the Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.

The goals of the SHIP program are to:

- 1) Establish a peer education program which trains senior volunteer about HIV/AIDS.
- 2) Increase HIV awareness and prevention in the senior community to reduce risky behaviors.
- 3) Promote and coordinate discussion/support groups for both infected and affected individuals.
- 4) Maintain a library of reference materials and be a source of referrals to seniors.

SHIP's mission is not only to educate the senior population about HIV but to encourage them to be tested, so that they will know their status and seek treatment if they test positive. Introduction of new drug therapies, including protease inhibitors, appears to be preventing HIV infection from progressing to

AIDS, especially in patients who receive early diagnosis and treatment. The epidemic, however, is not over, and the protease inhibitors are not a panacea. There is still no cure for AIDS.

SHIP presentations will empower senior citizens with the knowledge of how HIV is transmitted and how it can be prevented. The SHIP staff and volunteers will teach about safe and unsafe sex and also that "sex with condoms can be fun." Seniors, who are respected by their children and grandchildren; also have the opportunity to teach their families about this deadly disease and how to prevent it.

For more information in regard to an educational presentation and support groups, please call Alvin Schaffer, SHIP Support Group and Resource Coordinator, (954) 467-4747 or write to the Broward County Health Department, SHIP Program, 2421-A S.W. 6th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315.

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